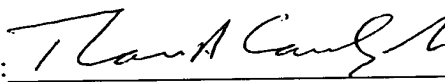


II. REMARKS

In view of the foregoing, as well as the amendment and remarks set forth in the applicants' response filed January 22, 2003, the applicants submit that all objections and rejections have been overcome. Therefore, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any point remains in issue that the examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the examiner is strongly urged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

*Claims 1 and 2 were amended as follows.*

1. (Three Times Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide containing an amino acid sequence which is at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

b) a polynucleotide that is complementary to the polynucleotide of a)[, encoding a polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity].

5. (Three Times Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

b) a polynucleotide that is complementary to the polynucleotide of a)[, the polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity].

7. (Three Times Amended) An isolated corynebacterial polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

a) a polynucleotide that is identical to SEQ ID NO: 1 encoding a polypeptide containing the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, the polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity, and

b) a polynucleotide that is complementary to the polynucleotide of a)[, encoding a polypeptide having phosphoglycerate mutase activity].

End of Appendix